

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I - a gas generator for an air bag having plural combustion chambers connected by a communication hole closed by a thin metal plate of a tensile strength of 15 kg/mm^3 and a thickness of 10 to 200 μm (and as recited in claim 1-6 and 26); and

Species II - A gas generator for an air bag having plural combustion chambers connected by a communication hole closed by a plurality of thin plates layered through an adhesive (and as recited by claims 19-25).

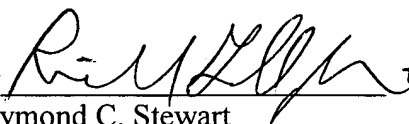
For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I. Claims 1-6 and 26 read on the elected species.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Richard Gallagher, Reg. No. 28,781, at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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